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In re Application of:

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ANTI-ALIASING LOW-PASS BLUR
FILTER FOR REDUCING
ARTIFACTS IN IMAGING
APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2000, please
amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:Please ~~cancel~~ claim 7.

1. (Amended) An imaging apparatus for generating an image
signal from incident light with higher spatial frequencies of said incident light
limited to reduce undersampling artifacts, said apparatus comprising:

an image sensor for generating the image signal from an
array of photosites; [and]

an optical section having a birefringent uniaxial crystal
[optical] spatial filter interposed in a path of the incident light which removes a
portion of said high spatial frequencies in said incident light to produce a blurred
image on said photosites, said birefringent uniaxial crystal optical filter
birefringence being greater than 0.05, and said birefringent uniaxial crystal optical
filter being lithium niobate[.] ; and

wherein said spatial filter is comprised of a first plane plate
and at least a second plane plate of lithium niobate.